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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Rita Leykin

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/14/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 07/27/05 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome Baba et al. US # 6,232,735 in combination with Braun et al. US # 6,133,944 references, as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The above claims are vague and indefinite because therein applicant is claiming "a remote station that has a camera" and "a robot that has a monitor and a camera" in addition the amended phrase in the last paragraph calls for "said camera moves in conjunction with the movement of said head worn device...." It is not clear which of two said cameras does the claimed action.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Claim 6 recites in line 3 "...means display said remote station and remote station and robot images". The phrase is confusing, requires correction.

6. Claim 6 recites the limitation "said head worn means" in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 17-20 and 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baba et al. US # 6,232,735 and Braun et al. US # 6,133,944.

Baba et al. disclose a robot remote control system by which a robot apparatus can be remotely controlled, (see abstract). The apparatus is provided with a first computer for generating control data of the robot apparatus and transmission device for transmitting control data to a public communications network. The robot image remote control processing system including:

- A remote station including an image remote control portion 5, (see Fig. 3) that comprising earphone and microphone block 40. Wherein it is clear that earphones are part of head worn device;
- A robot apparatus 2, (see Fig. 3) that comprises a head camera, earphone and microphone coupled to image selection portion;
- An interface portion 53;

- An interface portion is presented as “public communications network”, that is also disclosed in applicant’s specification as well known.

The elements claimed by the applicant in the provided amendment to claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 20 and 25 are shown in Braun et al. teaching.

Braun et al. disclose a system 300 for combining a panning camera 308 with one or more displays 304, such as head-mounted displays (HMD). A panoramic view from an electronic panning camera may be provided to an electronic panning control circuit 510. The electronic panning control circuit may be responsive to a view selector 306, such as a head tracker located on a user’s HMD. That reads on applicants “head worn device that generates input signal in response to movement of the head worn device”. The electronic panning control circuit selects the desired portion of the panoramic view to send to user’s display.

In Braun et al. teaching individually pannable views may be delivered to users via a communications network 312. One or more electronic panning cameras may output stereoscopic views to the communication network. In col. 2, lines 24-35 Braun et al. teach the HMD coupled with head tracking system 106 which reports the head position (and thus the gaze direction) of the user to the virtual reality rendering engine 108, (which may be a high-speed graphic computer), as in claims 3, 8, 17 and 22.

Hence, it has been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art, at the time invention was made to use Braun et al. teaching on chosen display image to display a remote station and/or robot images.

The reason is to provide a stereo view simulating actual vision, wherein the user may individually control the portion of the scene without affecting the view of other users.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 2, 7, 16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baba et al. US # 6,232,735 and Pin et al. US # 5,374,879.

The limitations of the base claims have been discussed in the rejection paragraph above. Baba et al. do not teach the use of holonomic mobile platform. However, holonomic platforms are well known. Pin et al. teach such platform that includes wheel assembly and a support.

Hence, it has been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art, at the time invention was made to use Pin et al. holonomic platform in Baba et al. invention to provide for robot mobility.

The reason is to achieve required movement in relation to rotational axis of the platform.

Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

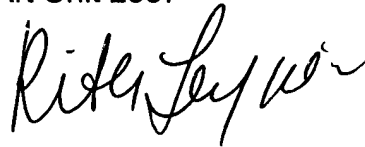
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita Leykin whose telephone number is (571)272-2066. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571)272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Rita Leykin
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Art Unit 2837

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Leykin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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